

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3131

AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “South Asian Heart
3 Health Awareness and Research Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. HEART HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS.**

5 Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
6 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 317U
7 (42 U.S.C. 247b–23) the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 317V. HEART HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make grants
10 to States for the purpose of promoting awareness of the
11 increasing prevalence of heart disease, including, where
12 appropriate, its relationship to type 2 diabetes, in commu-
13 nities disproportionately affected by heart disease such as
14 South Asian communities in the United States.

15 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a grant
16 under subsection (a) shall use such grant funds—

17 “(1) to develop culturally appropriate materials
18 on evidence-based topics such as nutrition education,
19 optimal diet plans, and programs for regular exer-
20 cise;

21 “(2) to support heart health promotion activi-
22 ties of community organizations that work with or
23 serve communities disproportionately affected by
24 heart disease, such as South Asian communities in
25 the United States; or

1 “(3) to support conferences or workshops on re-
2 search practices, methodology, and design to include
3 more members of communities disproportionately af-
4 fected by heart disease, such as South Asian com-
5 munities in the United States, in scientific studies.

6 “(c) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later
7 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the
8 South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act
9 of 2020, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall sub-
10 mit to Congress a report on outreach efforts and data re-
11 lating to heart disease in communities disproportionately
12 affected by heart disease, such as South Asian commu-
13 nities in the United States.

14 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
15 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
16 to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years
17 2021 through 2025.”.

18 **SEC. 3. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.**

19 Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act
20 (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
21 the following new section:

22 **“SEC. 409K. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may—

24 “(1) conduct or support research and related
25 activities regarding cardiovascular disease, type 2 di-

1 abetes, and other heart health-related ailments
2 among at-risk populations, including South Asian
3 communities in the United States; and

4 “(2) establish an Internet clearinghouse to
5 catalog existing evidence-based heart health research
6 and treatment options for communities dispropor-
7 tionately affected by heart disease, such as South
8 Asian communities in the United States, to prevent,
9 treat, or reverse heart disease and diabetes.

10 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For
11 purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized
12 to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years
13 2021 through 2025.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 29,
2020.

Attest:

Clerk.

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